

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION**

STATE OF LOUISIANA ET AL

CASE NO. 2:25-CV-00691

VERSUS

JUDGE JAMES D. CAIN, JR.

**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE MAGISTRATE JUDGE LEBLANC
ET AL**

MINUTES OF COURT:

Motion Hearing

Date:	1/22/2026	Presiding: Judge James D. Cain, Jr.
Court Opened:	10:13 am	Courtroom Deputy: Patrice Jones
Court Adjourned:	11:01 am	Court Reporter: D D Juranka
Statistical Time:	:48	Courtroom: CR4

APPEARANCES

Zachary Faircloth, James A Holmes (RET)	For	State of Louisiana, Plaintiff
Jason T Morgan (RET)	For	American Petroleum Institute, Plaintiff
Sean Marotta (RET)	For	Chevron U S A Inc, Plaintiff
Trial Attorney Davis Aaron Backer	For	National Marine Fisheries Service, Howard Lutnick, Defendants

PROCEEDINGS

Case called for Hearing on [34] Cross Motion for Summary Judgment by National Marine Fisheries Service and Howard Lutnick, and [37] Motion to Complete or Supplement Administrative Record by All Plaintiffs.

Oral MOTION to enroll Zachary Faircloth on behalf of State of Louisiana, no objection, Court GRANTS the Motion.

Oral argument received from Counsels for Plaintiffs and Counsel for Defendant.

Court took the matter under advisement and a ruling will be issued.